

## § 656.2

International Studies (National Resource Centers Program), the Secretary awards grants to institutions of higher education and combinations of institutions to establish, strengthen, and operate comprehensive and undergraduate Centers that will be national resources for—

(a) Stimulating the attainment of foreign language acquisition and fluency;

(b) Instruction in fields needed to provide a full understanding of the areas, regions, or countries in which the foreign language is commonly used;

(c) Research and training in international studies and the international and foreign language aspects of professional and other fields of study; and

(d) Instruction and research on issues in world affairs which concern one or more countries.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1122)

### **§ 656.2 Who is eligible to receive a grant?**

An institution of higher education or a combination of institutions of higher education is eligible to receive a grant under this part.

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### **§ 656.3 What activities define a comprehensive or undergraduate National Resource Center?**

A comprehensive or undergraduate National Resource Center—

(a) Teaches at least one modern foreign language;

(b) Provides—

(1) Instruction in fields necessary to provide a full understanding of the areas, regions, or countries in which the languages taught are commonly used;

(2) Resources for training and research in international and foreign language aspects of professional and other fields of study; or

(3) Opportunities for training and research on issues in world affairs that concern one or more countries;

(c) Provides outreach and consultative services on a national, regional, and local basis;

(d) Maintains linkages with overseas institutions of higher education and other organizations that may contrib-

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ute to the teaching and research of the Center;

(e) In the case of a comprehensive Center—

(1) Maintains specialized library collections; and

(2) Employs scholars engaged in training and research that relates to the subject area of the Center; and

(f) In the case of an undergraduate Center—

(1) Maintains library holdings, including basic reference works, journals, and works in translation; and

(2) Employs faculty with strong credentials in language, area, and international studies.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1122)

### **§ 656.4 What types of Centers receive grants?**

The Secretary awards grants to Centers that—

(a) Focus on—

(1) A single country or on a world area (such as East Asia, Africa, or the Middle East) and offer instruction in the principal language or languages of that country or area and those disciplinary fields necessary to provide a full understanding of the country or area; or

(2) International studies or the international aspects of contemporary issues or topics (such as international business or energy) while providing instruction in modern foreign languages; and

(b) Provide training at the—

(1) Graduate, professional, and undergraduate levels, as a comprehensive Center; or

(2) Undergraduate level only, as an undergraduate Center.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1122)

### **§ 656.5 What activities may be carried out?**

(a) A Center may carry out any of the activities described in § 656.3 under a grant received under this part.

(b) The Secretary may make an additional grant to a comprehensive Center for any one or a combination of the following purposes:

(1) Linkage or outreach between foreign language, area studies, and other international fields and professional schools and colleges.